

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Subsidy to Poor Patients
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government considers to augment the subsidy amount for the economically backward patients in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology at Trivandrum in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology is a tertiary referral hospital and provides treatment for Cardiological and Neurological diseases. Economically backward patients referred to this Hospital are covered under various Government of India and Government of Kerala schemes such as Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, Thalolam, Karunya Benevolent Fund, Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, Arogyakiranam and Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Apart from this, the Institute also has a well laid down scheme for providing subsidy/concession to economically backward patients categorized into four groups viz. 1) Category – A – 100% concession, 2) Category – B1 – 60% concession, 3) Category – B – 30% concession and 4) Category – C – 10% concession. This system meets the requirement of poor patients who approach for treatment.
